

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SHADAE RAE SEWARD, et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

FRANK J. BISIGNANO,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:25-cv-00857-NJK

**Order**

Plaintiff brings this suit on behalf of her child challenging the denial of the child's disability claim. *See* Docket No. 1-1. Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se*. The Ninth Circuit has held that "a non-attorney parent must be represented by counsel in bringing an action on behalf of his or her child." *Johns v. Cnty. of San Diego*, 114 F.3d 874, 876 (9th Cir. 1997).<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, Plaintiff is ordered to retain counsel to litigate this case. Counsel must file a notice of appearance to represent Plaintiff by July 18, 2025. **Failure to comply with this order may result in dismissal of this case.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 19, 2025

  
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Nancy J. Koppe  
United States Magistrate Judge

<sup>1</sup> The Ninth Circuit has not recognized exceptions to this rule as to any particular type of case. *See Grizzell v. San Elijo Elementary Sch.*, 110 F.4th 1177, 1179-80 (9th Cir. 2024) (recognizing out-of-circuit authority creating an exception to the counsel mandate in the social security context, but finding that such cases are inconsistent with binding Ninth Circuit precedent).